

BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



Well, well, we've finally had some milder weather with sunshine. It feels good. Maybe Spring is on its way.

We've been asking dancers 'Are you going dancing at the convention?' Many have replied by saying they have not yet decided. July 2018 is coming fast. Send in your registration. Most dancers who have registered, indicate they are getting very excited with the knowledge they will be dancing with old and new friends. We have received registration from Australia and the Yukon. The convention committees are doing their last minute planning. We all are excited knowing we will be hosts welcoming guests from other provinces and from other nations. Let's give them happy memories of their stay in London, Ontario.

March is the month of the wearing of the green. Check the S.W.O.S.D.A. Website for the times and location of the St. Patrick dances. The next Frosh dance will be held at the College Avenue United Church, Woodstock on March 17th. Why not come out and support our new dancers. Show them just how we enjoy our Square dancing.

The next S.W.O.S.D.A. Is scheduled on March 24th at the Underwood Community Centre, north of Kincardine. It will be hosted by the Kincardine Tartan Twirlers. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the sunshine. Happy St Patrick's Day. Have a blessed Good Friday and Easter.

Fred and Dianne Joyner

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

SWOSDA DANCE – February 24, 2018

Hosted by Strathroy Swinging Duos

The Swinging Duos lucked out this year with a great day for hosting the February SWOSDA dance. Nearing the end of the month with almost no snow and bare dry roads for travelling, almost 100 dancers, representing 13 clubs, plus four callers and cuers, came out to the Strathroy and Area Seniors' Centre for a day of dancing fun. A nicely decorated, bright room with beautiful hardwood floors added to our dancing pleasure. SWOSDA dances are a wonderful opportunity to reunite with friends you might not see very often, to dance in different Ontario locations and to callers and cuers other than those from your home club. To those of you who don't go to the SWOSDA dances.....you are missing out on so much!

Fred and Dianne Joyner, SWOSDA presidents, opened the dance by welcoming everyone. Host caller Tom Charlton (2nd month in a row!) introduced the other callers and cuers: Jeff Priest, Ed Dolson and Stan McKeen. The afternoon started out with advanced round dancing cued by Stan followed by, a teach from Ed, assisted by wife Nancy: a nice phase 2 waltz called "Tucson Too Soon". A variety of mainstream and plus square dances followed called by Tom, Ed and Jeff interspersed with phase 2 round dances. Evening dancing consisted of more rounds along with mainstream and plus square dancing.

This day was special to Joy and Jack Glasman who were recipients of the prestigious Ontario Federation Trillium Long Service Award presented by Federation members Bev and Peter Piazza. Fred and Dianne Joyner offered congratulations on behalf of SWOSDA. Joy and Jack have square and round danced for 51 years being active members of many clubs across Canada; well deserving of this Trillium award!

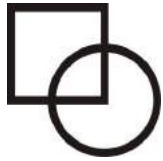


To come up with some additional funds for the 2018 Convention, another draw took place for a made-to-measure dance skirt donated by Rhetha Roy. Min Gibson was the winner for a second time. How can someone be so lucky! A total of \$105.00 was raised from the draw. Thank you Rhetha!

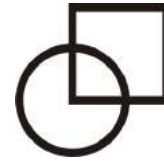
A big thank you also to the Swinging Duos for hosting this February SWOSDA dance and for the delicious goodies that the members provided during the afternoon and evening. And, as always, an even bigger thank you to our callers and cuers Tom, Jeff, Ed and Stan who so generously gave of their time and talent to make for a great day of dancing.

The Kincardine Tartan Twirlers will be hosting the next SWOSDA dance, which will be held in the Underwood Community Centre near Tiverton on March 24th. This again will be an afternoon and evening dance. Come out and join us. We'd love to see you in a square!

Submitted by Joan & Earl Jacques



SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

MONTHLY SPECIAL IN KINCARDINE

MARCH 24, 2018

2:00 – 5:00 & 6:30 – 9:30 ~ \$6.00 per dancer

Hosted by: KINCARDINE TARTAN TWIRLERS

Location: Underwood Community Center

1240 6th Concession & Hwy 21, Tiverton, ON - N2Z 2T0



For further information or program details Please visit: www.swosda.ca

Or Contact:

Hosts: Neva & Dunc McVittie

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SWOSDA Contact: Dan & Rhetha Roy ~ dan.roy@tnt21.com

SWOSDA is a member run organization!



SWOSDA

Remember When...

Once again, I have been looking back in leaps of 10 years for interesting tidbits about SWOSDA.

To March 1968

*This issue started out with a letter to the SWOSDA dancers with instructions concerning the election of new officers at their annual meeting. Each club was to receive a list of all candidates running for office. They were to choose from this list delegates for their club to vote for at the upcoming Annual Meeting. (How long has it been when there were lists of people willing to run for election to the executive?)

*An article followed entitled, “What is your responsibility to square dancing?”. The author explored different aspects of the subject before summarizing, “**Your responsibility is to enjoy yourself – but conduct yourself so as not to hinder anyone else’s enjoyment. Your ‘take home pay’ will be manifold!**” In addition, he included, also that “**your responsibility is also in presenting an acceptable image of square dancing to the public, of your club to other clubs, and yourself to other dancers.**”

From March 1978

*Editors Tom & Addie Parmenter had lots of advice for dancers in that issue.

The first thing that caught my eye was the following poem from the Valley Circle BC.

**You were a stranger and so was I, but a change took place as we passed by
For I had a smile and you did too. You gave me yours and mine went too.**

A smile for a smile, an even trade - but in the deal two friends were made! “

Other bits of wisdom were, “**If you can’t do great things, do small things in a great way.**” and

“There are no such things as strangers, only friends we haven't met yet.”

“Courtesy is one thing with an unlimited market.”

Publicity Chairs Harvey & Evelyn Button added this good advice in rhyme.

“You can carry a pack if it’s strapped to your back, You can carry a weight in your hands.

You can carry a bundle on top of your head, as they do in other lands.

A load is light if you carry it right, Though it weighs as much as a boulder,

But a tiny chip is too heavy to bear if you carry it on your shoulder.”

To Mar 1988

*Interim report on the upcoming convention for 1988 to be held at McMaster in Hamilton was February 1998 registration was 3634. “Those were the days!”

* **The good thing about paying a compliment is that it doesn’t count a cent more than it used to.”**

“One good thing about repeating your mistakes is you know when to cringe.”

To March 1998

*Presidents Pat & Ken Parrish found similarities with the ongoing Olympics and our SWOSDA!” **“Our great event has had many years of practice, and change, trial and error, to achieve the present format. It also requires a lot of people to put it in motion – callers & cuers, callers clinic, host clubs, and most important – YOU!, the dancers. Also we have had the best coach – experience!** They also went on to suggest that if the dancers hadn’t participated, there was still time, giving the location of the next two monthly dances. For you in 2018 that would be March – Kincardine, April in Paris. And of course, you mustn’t miss the convention in July in London.)

*Kudos to Nancy Dolson again who made the report on the Callers Clinic so interesting you almost wished you could have been there. Nancy, did you ever consider taking up standup comedy ?

To March 2008

*We were already over 1350 in registration for the 2008 convention in London. Thanks were expressed to Rhetha Roy for the new banner she had made in time for convention. (Were you aware that Rhetha has raffled off a multitude of custom made skirts to support this year's convention. A big thanks again!)

* A grand poem surely written by a caller - [A Grand Grand Square](#) from ASD March 1998

**Last night I had a beautiful dream. I was at a square dance, so it would seem.
And the caller commanded, "Heads face, Grand Square", and lo and behold each dancer there
Took thirty-two steps, right on the beat. All one could hear was the cadence of feet,
What a beautiful sound! What a beautiful sight! I wanted the dance to go on all night.
Then suddenly I was wide awake, My dream was gone, but could I not make,
All dancers aware of the beauty of timing? Perhaps if they read this effort at rhyming
They'd think of the dream and make it come true,
What grand Grand Squares we'll have if they do!**

It's time I quit for this month. When I open up the Bugles, I learn all sorts of amazing things about our activity and those involved in it. Please, if you ever have any questions about a person or event in SWOSDA's past, drop me a line, or give me a call and I will try to find an answer.
dndahm@sympatico.ca or 519-842-9212.

My thanks to our ever patient editor who has too often to wait patiently for my article to roll in near the deadline date. I hope everyone lets him know once in a while how appreciated he is.

Nick and Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historians. dndahm@sympatico.ca
(Nick is my faithful proof reader)

Every day I marvel "It's amazing the great people I have in my life that I wouldn't have ever met if it wasn't for dancing!"

FEATURE

2018 Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention

New Dancers at the Convention

**Are you a new, or first year dancer ?
Have you thought about going to the National Convention in London, Ontario next July ?
Are you concerned that maybe you are not ready to dance on the world stage ?
Will there be a place for new or first year dancers to dance at the convention ?
Do we have to wear square dance outfits ?
Where do we stay ?**

So many questions, and yet all very good questions that all need to be answered.

We, as hosts of the 2018 Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention are committed to making you feel warm and welcomed to London next July, regardless of your level of dance experience.

You will be amazed at the wonderful time you are sure to have, the many, many new friends and acquaintances you are sure to meet from all over the world.

And guess what ? They are facing the same anxieties and questions that you are.

Of course you can wear traditional square dance clothes if you so desire, and many, many other dancers will, but it is not necessary, nor mandatory in modern square dancing. Dress as you feel comfortable. This is not a fashion show, nor a dance competition. We will all be there to have fun, meet up with old friends, make new friends and to build memories we will carry for the rest of our lives.

We have a specific room set aside especially for new and first year dancers that you will fit into with ease and will be welcomed by friendly experienced dance callers as well as by other new or first year dancers from all over. Simply slip into a square, introduce yourself to your corner and others in the square and just like that, you have already met six new friends that may turn into life long friendships.

Your caller in this basic dance room knows you are new to square dancing and they anticipate that you may need some instruction and they will be happy to help you out as a group, not by singling you out, but by part of a floor of dancers.

All dancers, as well as new or “basic” dancers, are expected to remember square dance etiquette.

- Square up with the nearest square needing dancers.
- Introduce yourself to your corner and to the rest of the dancers in your square.
- Try to refrain from talking while dancing as it is important to hear the caller and their instructions.
- Never leave a square unless (of course) it is an emergency.
- When the tip is over, be sure to thank all the dancers in your square.
- Always smile, be cheerful and have fun. Overlook mistakes by others and laugh at your own mistakes. It is all part of the fun learning to square dance.

You will leave this convention a better dancer and with new enthusiasm towards improving your dancing skills when you return to your home club.

If you think you are ready to dance mainstream, you can sit in to watch or participate if you feel ready.

Worried about a place to stay? Not a problem!

Visit our website at www.squaredance.ca/2018 and you will find hotel and campsite information. London is a city of almost 400,000 people and there are many, many more hotels and motels that are not on our website, but are easy to google if you so desire. The city of London knows about this Convention as we are working closely with Tourism London and we will all be welcoming you with open arms and sharing huge, warm, cuddly and sincere yellowrocks when you arrive.

The goal of this convention is to help you have fun and enjoy square dancing as much as we do.

Start planning now to come dance with us this summer at your Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention in London, Ontario.

Pupil: Please Miss, would you punish someone for something they didn't do?

Teacher: No, Of course not!!

Pupil: Oh good, Because I haven't done my homework!!!

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Centennial Beavers - London

February ended up being a real mix of dancing. We had really bad weather at the beginning of the month. We danced 6 couple squares, which was very good for our "listening skills". The rest of the month we enjoyed 2-3 squares of fun times. We are working hard on getting our skills together and helping the new dancers get into the swing of things.

Our Valentines Dance turned out really well ...especially the lunch, which was mainly Chocolate. You can't go wrong with a nice cup of tea, good friend chatter and a piece of chocolate. Thanks to all who contributed.

We are looking forward to Saturday March 17th as we all trek down to Woodstock to enjoy the FROSH DANCE. It will also be a St. Paddy's Dance so we hope lots of Mainstream and Plus dancers come and enjoy the fun with the beginners. We are all wearing green to dance the night away. Sure would be great to have the hall full. So if you don't have a dance to go to ...come on down!!!!

We are dancing the first 4 Fridays in March. Of course we will not be dancing on Good Friday and we wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

See you in the Square!!!

Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Clinton Public School, 27 Percival Street, Clinton

Presidents – Paul & Mary Eisler – 519-345-2500

Caller – Dave and Blanche Paulen – 519-348-8335

Dancing Wednesdays 8-10 pm Mainstream with announced Plus Tips

Regular Dances - Till May 2, 2018

Traditional and Casual Attire welcome at our regular club dances

Winter has been in full swing here at Clinton Wheel n Dealers. It's nice to get a bit of a thaw to get the snow under control. We continue to dance at the Clinton Public School with Dave & Blanche on every Wednesday night.

Drop by and join us anytime. We'd love to see you in the square!

Country Squares - Rostock

The newer members of Country Squares are now learning round dancing, much to our delight. Now we can enjoy the monthly SWOSDA dances all the more!

Our Valentines dance on February 12 was LOVEly, of course, and well attended.

Submitted by Karen Mills, club historian

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?
Because they're always a little short.



[Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Hello fellow dancers, the Denim and Lace club has had a busy month.

We held our valentines dance, everyone enjoyed the red and white treats and valentines themed dances.

Our next specialty dance is our St Patrick's dance which will be held Wednesday, March 14th so come out in you Irish attire and join in the fun.

Our annual Spring Fling dance is coming fast, Saturday May 12th from 7-915pm at Stothart Hall in Priceville.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow

Bugle Rep/Website Designer

[Elora Grand Squares - Elora](#)

St. Mary School, 251 Irvine Street, Elora, ON

Caller: Jeff Priest

We may have missed Disney Night due to Jeff's voice issues, but he was back in fine form for our Valentines Dance.



We took the opportunity to have him pose with all the women. We'll get the guys next time around! Our next special is March 20 when we'll have another favorite theme of Jeff's..."Big Band Night".

Come and join us as he crones to that era of music.

We are enjoying our new class members a lot and on our specials we include them in the program for the whole night with lunch served at the end.

Have a wonderful spring.....it appears that it's just around the corner!

Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

[Horseshoe Squares & Wheels – C112 - Waterloo](#)

Patiently waiting for some more Summer Fun. Hope to see everyone out this Spring.

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

How did you like that February weather? Below zero ++ to above zero ++. One just does not know how to cope? But this is Canada and we love it here!

Huron-Bruce Swingers spent February "on the go" - to R-Villa in Ripley to entertain the residents, to Rostock, Owen Sound and Clinton to "steel" their banners. Watch out others, we may just be on our way to your location also! We have had a "Sadie Hawkins" dance (the men just couldn't wait to be asked, so they were up and asking before the women - had to remind them what a "Sadie Hawkins" dance was about). We had a Valentine's dance and we had a "Hard Times" dance.



In March, we are "on the go" again - visiting Howick Public School and Nine Mile Villa (Lucknow) and who knows where? We are at Brookside School on Wednesdays but remember the March school break (March 12 to 16), so no dancing at the school.

It was great to see George H. back out for a dance, after his heart surgery and we send Stan D. get well wishes as he deals with some health issues. Hopefully both will be out and back to all the dances soon. And spring should be on its way, so keep your spirits up and keep dancing.

Sharon McDonald,
Bugle Correspondent

[Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Dancing continues at the Happy Hearts. Our leaders Dan & Rhetha were away for a few weeks while they took a Caribbean cruise. But have no fear we have Stan & Mary McKeen who had agreed to fill in for them. Stan kept the club hopping, and made sure there were no cobwebs forming.

On Feb 16 we had our valentines night, and everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes for lunch. Thanks to all who brought the delicious toppings.

Our next theme night will be on March 16 – Saint Patrick’s - We are asking everyone to wear plaid that night. Lunch will be tea biscuits & jam.

We dance every Friday night at the Clinton Public School from 7 till 9 pm.
Please note we are not dancing on Good Friday March 30

Joe Correspondent – The Bugle Guy

[Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Well, here we are in March. Hope you have a very Happy St. Patrick’s Day Celebration...

You may have heard that we had to cancel our special afternoon Round Dance Clinic on Saturday, February 10th due to Andrea being under the weather with a bronchial infection and strep throat. The couples that were registered were very disappointed so, we have made some changes to our schedule.

For March we had planned a Cha Cha clinic, which we have now moved to April 14th and the Rhythm Concepts Clinic is re-scheduled to the afternoon of March 17th.

So, on March 17, 2018 we will be hosting two special afternoon clinics – Rhythm Concepts:

- 1.) Brush Up On Bolero
 - 2.) Waltz & Foxtrot – a look at some Phase 4 Interchangeable Figures.
- Be sure to look up our flyer on our website for times and info.

April 14, 2018, we will be holding a special Introduction to Cha Cha session in the afternoon. This is an afternoon of Fun designed for **Non Dancers (or Dancers who want!)**. Pre-registration required - visit our website for flyers or contact us for info.

Jubilee Rounds is still at St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs - dancing on Thursday evenings. Visitors are always welcome! If you wish to join us, please feel free to come out Thursdays at 7:00pm. In the event of bad weather, check our website after 4:00pm for cancellations. - www.shadowlightdance.com.

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com
Printable flyers are on our website: www.jeffreypriest.com

Happy Dancing,
Jeff Priest ☺

[Kincardine Tartan Twirlers](#)

After a bit of a break it’s time to get back into the ‘swing of things’. We start dancing again on Friday March 2, 2018. We dance at the Anglican Church of the Messiah, 421 Russell St, Kincardine every Friday night. Visitor are always welcome!

Looking forward to hosting the SWOSDA dance at the Underwood Community center (North of Kincardine) on March 24, 2018.

[London Harmony Rounds - Lambeth \(London\)](#)

Leaders: [Jerry and Bonnie Callen](#)

London Harmony Rounds will welcome Jerry & Bonnie Callen back this month. They have been enjoying dancing in Florida with Curt & Tammy Worlock. Ed & Nancy Dolson have been leading

the club, providing programs with dances Jerry & Bonnie have taught.

Ed & Nancy reviewed dances the club requested as well as a workshop on Slow Twostep. We want to thank them for leading our club these past few weeks.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO DANCING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH, 2018. LAMBETH PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MARCH BREAK.

We dance every Wednesday night, 7:00 to 9:00, at the Lambeth Public School, 6820 Duffield Street, London (Lambeth).

Stan & Mary McKeen
smckeen@execulink.com

Rhythm Rounds - London

February had great attendance, despite the weather. We have been working on Irish Green, a phase 4 waltz, and we really have been doing well. We also have done a bit of Tango...trying to improve our skills with this sultry dance. We had a really nice Valentines Dance and Social ...cake & ice cream.

This March our focus will be on Jive. We have always liked this dance so learning a couple of new moves to add to our repertoire will be great.

Some of us will be traveling down to St. Jacobs on the 17th of March to do the teach with Andrea and Jeff. Looking forward to it!

As always, Ed works hard to keep us going and on our toes.

You are always welcome to drop by and dance at our club. We dance at the Kiwanis Center, every Tuesday night from 7 - 9.
Happy March!!!

Royal City Squares - Guelph

We would like to thank Dave Williamson for Filling in for Jeff Priest on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings while Jeff was recovering from a "no voice" situation



It was great fun dancing to Dave again. Jeff is now back and fully recovered.

We missed you Jeff.

Don't forget our up coming T & D Dance on March 3rd

2018 Singing Call Nights See you There

March 28 Disney

April 25 What a Wonderful World

May 16 It's our Party

SPECIAL DANCES

T & D Dance March 3th

Freshman Frolic April 21th

ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

Greetings! We do hope you get a mug of green beer, green wine or green ginger ale or maybe just a cup of green tea for St. Paddy's day!!

Visit our website Calendar page for ALL our flyers www.shadowlightdance.com

Squares:

Monday Afternoon: A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Cambridge

Wednesday Afternoon: A-2 Dance in Brampton - Check our website by 10:00am for cancellations!

Friday Afternoon: A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Lobo

We are involved in four evening groups as well...

Monday Evening: Grand Squares, Elora – Class followed by Plus Teach

Tuesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - Class and Mainstream programs

Wednesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - PLUS Teach followed by Full PLUS Dance

Thursday Evening: Jubilee Rounds – St. Jacobs – Phase 2/3 Rounds

I want to really thank Dave Williamson for filling in for me with both Grand Squares Elora and Royal City Squares for two weeks while I was sick and unable to call.

Camp & Dances: It's not too early to start thinking about camp and dance weekends. Our May weekend (The Puddle Jumper) for PLUS dancers, at The Rock Glen Family Resort in Arkona, is filling up!! Rock Glen has cabins too, so not just for campers. This is a great facility and we will also be hosting our "Advanced Extravaganza" for Advanced dancers next September – it too is filling up, get your registrations in. If you would like to join us for either of these weekends, the flyers are on our website or contact us and we will get you registered.

Special Dances:

Saturday Feb 10, 2018. We hosted our annual Sweetheart Swirl. We really want to thank all those that braved the winter storm to join us that evening in St. Jacobs. We had a fun evening of "love songs" and Stan Smith won the 50/50 draw again!!

Saturday March 17, 2018. We will be hosting our St. Patrick's Day Dance - Wearin' o' the Green! This will be a "Funtime Event" as well.

Saturday April 14, 2018; Be sure to join us for 7th Annual Crocus Capers. This is Full Plus dance with Rounds. This will also be our last Funtime Event for this season. Don't miss it!!

**** **Funtime Events:** Periodically, ShadowLight Dance Club will hold "Funtime Events". These are regular Plus program dance events that will include a specific aspect to make them even more FUN, whether it's a theme, or a location, or just that little something extra. Each attendee couple at a Funtime Event will receive a punch card and, when they have attended so many Funtime Events, there will be a reward! A little something for just coming out and having fun! Join us on March 17, 2018 for the Wearin' o' the Green! - you won't want to miss it!

Don't forget to register for the 20th Canadian National. July is just around the corner!

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in 2018.

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!
Andrea & Jeff Priest
ShadowLight Dance Club
Check out our website for flyers - www.shadowlightdance.com
519-752-2172

[Silver Streak Squares - Woodstock](#)

The Silver Streaks are dancing up a storm; with Tom calling we are having a blast. We held two dances in Feb, on the 8 and 22, the second and fourth Tuesdays, and Mother Nature co-operated in sending us good weather this month.

All the mainstream and plus dancers are welcome to come out to a fun evening with a great caller and friendly, fun dancers.

Hope to see you all again on March 8 and 22. Looks like March is coming in like a lion and should be raged out by the end of the month, and go out like a lamb.

Pat Catt.

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers, the Sound Steppers have had a busy month.

We held our Valentines dance, with lots of valentine's themed dances and red and white treats to enjoy.



The Lucknow club came and "stole" our banner so we will be sending a square back to retrieve it on their banner retrieval night.

Our next specialty night is on Thurs March 15th so come out in your favorite Irish attire and join in the fun.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor.
Linda Wedow
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

[Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

The Strathroy Swinging Duos are experiencing an excellent year with lots of comradeship and good dancing occurring every Monday evening.

We had a terrific Valentine dance with a lunch of scrumptious chocolate goodies on February 12. Our beginning dancers were invited to join us that evening and there were seven squares dancing for some of the

basic tips. We are looking forward to having many of the beginners join our club next month when they will have completed two eight week sessions of basic teach. We are certainly indebted to presidents Tom and Jo Kahnert for organizing and overseeing this successful venture and to Tom Charlton for teaching every Tuesday evening for the 16 sessions. Also at the Valentine dance we were pleased to have Merv Reid call during one tip. Pictures of this dance are featured below.



At the time of writing we are in the midst of preparing for hosting the February SWOSDA dance which will be held at the Strathroy Senior Center on February 24. We are hoping for good weather and an excellent turnout at that event.

It seems remarkable that another square dance season is so quickly passing with only two months left. We are looking forward to a special dance with Harry Vander Giesen calling on March 19 and a summer dance and potluck on June 9.

We would invite anyone who wishes to come and dance with us on Monday evenings.

Submitted by Syd and Jane Fletcher

[Thames Valley Dance Club - Woodstock](#)

Well, if it wasn't the weather causing 'interruptions' in our schedule, it was arriving at the church door with a changed 'entry code'! Oh well, we did enjoy our beach party last month.

We had a good turn out of dancers at the recent SWOSDA dance in Chatham....about 60 ladies and gents 'squared it up'.



Cupids were ‘in the air’ at our recent Valentines’ Dance! Our lunch table was decorated with chocolates and iced cupcakes! Dancers dressed in reds, walls ornate with the theme.....together ‘sang’ out, the message of LOVE!



On Easter Monday, April 2, we are hosting a CHOCOLATE Easter dance.....London Beavers, we are counting on you to join us in filling the floor with squares as we dance to Ed’s calling.

Join us for ROUNDS at 6 and SQUARES at 7.....every Monday! Remember, if you want a ‘win win win’join us for the health of your body, mind and social life! And ‘let’s dance’!

Agnes Claus

[Tri-County Squares – Tillsonburg](#)

We celebrated love of family and friends at our Valentine dance, which actually fell on Valentine’s Day, with possibly a nod to our flag for National Flag Day on the next day. Gail & Laura had arranged, with some help from the other dancers treats of red, white and chocolate refreshments for us to graze on during the evening. Tom did a lovely job of entertaining and challenging us with a variety of love songs. Unfortunately each of us had to dance nearly every tip as there were very few dancers to spare. I didn’t have a chance to take any pictures. Eve and her photographer husband promised to send me some but so far they have not yet arrived.

We hope to have seen lots of dancers in their favourite or funny t-shirts on the 28th of February.

Our next special dance is our St. Patrick’s dance on the 14th of March, where we ask, “Irish or Not?” We’ll let you pretend to be Irish if you’re not or perhaps you want to display some of your own heritage. There will be a poster on the back table where you can fill in the names of your ancestors who were born in another country, the date, and location. I’m sure Tom has a few Irish songs in his repertoire.

We hope to see you “Hoppin’ Down the Bunny Trail on the 28th of March in your favourite Easter Bonnet.

Nick and Dorothy Dahm,
TCS Contacts & Presidents.

What’s Irish and stays out all night? Paddy O’furniture!



Caller's Clinic News

See Website for Minutes of last meeting

Lets not forgot the next **Frosh Dance** on Saturday March 17, 2018
College Ave United church, Woodstock
See SWOSDA.ca flyer for details.

On The Lighter Side

An elderly man in Queensland had owned a large property for several years. He had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where he had planted mango and avocado trees. The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a ten litre bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We' re not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked.' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'

Moral: Old men may walk slow, but they can still think fast.

Major concerns for being a parent:

1st baby: At the first sign of upset, the slightest cry you pick up the baby for a cuddle.

2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her cries threaten to wake your neighbours.

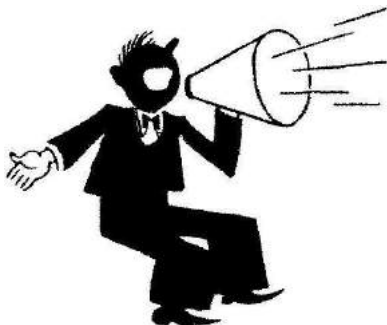
3rd baby: You teach your 2 year-old how to rewind the mechanical swing.



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From the Editor



NOTE: **April Bugle Will Be Early**

Rhetha & I will be away starting March 25 for 2 weeks
Because of this, we will be publishing the bugle on March 24-25
I would request that all submissions be **received no later than March 20** so that I can get the job done in time.

Thanks
Dan Roy



Convention 2018

July 19, 20,21, 2018

CONVENTION 2018 REGISTRATION REPORT FEB 20, 2018

REGISTRATIONS – INDIVIDUAL DANCERS

Registrations to Feb 20, 2018	625 dancers
Refunds	25 dancers
Refunds(Program Cancellation)	7 dancers
Net Registrations	593 dancers

AUSTRALIA	4
CANADA	523
MALAYSIA	2
USA	64
TOTAL	593

<u>CANADA</u>	
AB	31
BC	32
MB	22
NB	15
NL	2
NS	12
ON	389
PEI	0
QC	10
SK	8
YT	2

<u>USA</u>	
CA	9
CO	2
MA	7
MD	2
ME	2
MI	12
NH	2
NJ	2
NM	2
NY	7
OH	12
VT	5

Singles: 56
Males: 11
Females: 45

Note above the latest registration numbers for the July convention. At time of publishing we have 593 registrations. As you can see we have 389 from Ontario. Even if you live in Northern Ontario, it's still a short drive to an event you will not forget. We have over 2500 dancers on Ontario! How can we expect other provinces to support OUR CONVENTION when our own members are lacking.

**When you have a party, it's always better when the host is present...
As South Western Ontario dancers, WE are the hosts.**

It's time to step forward – Register NOW

“Make the Scene in 2018”

Caller's Clinic Presents March
FROSH DANCE

Callers



Ed Dolson



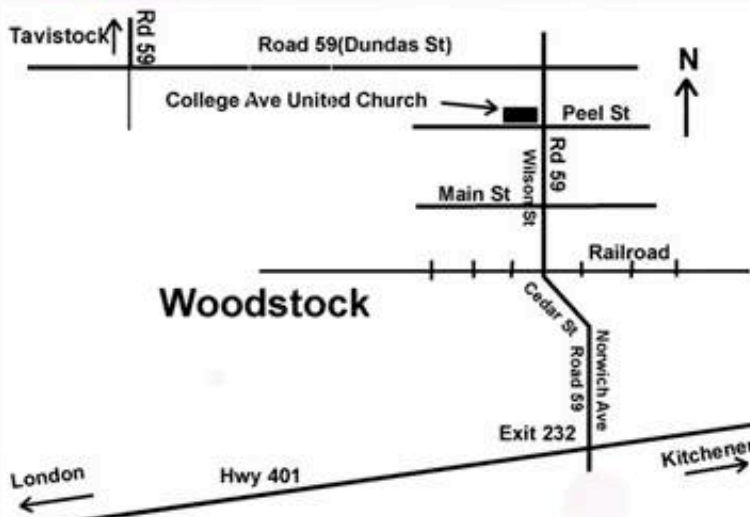
Tom Charlton

Saturday, March 17, 2018



7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 PER COUPLE



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Everyone Welcome

